

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 with the following replacement paragraph:

--A touch screen is described, for example, in German Utility Model Patent Publication No. 201 02 197 U. German Utility Model Patent Publication No. 201 02 197 U describes a touch screen for visually representing electronic signals and for inputting symbols by touching the screen for confirmation purposes. It includes a functional plane for visual representation and keystroke input and a higher-level protective plane corresponding thereto that is deformable at certain points, as seen in resistive touch screens. In addition, the protective plane may not necessarily be deformable, but can be used for transmitting signals for the touch screen to determine the location of the user's input. Examples are capacitive, Surface Acoustic Wave (SAW), and Grounded Acoustic Wave (GAW) touch screens. In this context, when certain points of the functional plane are selected by touching-type contact across the protective plane, at least one confirmation signal is generated for the user's sense of touch (haptic stimulus) that is perceptible at the position of the point of contact in the deformed protective plane, and the confirmation signal for the sense of touch (haptic stimulus) is generated by vibration elements eccentrically positioned within and/or underneath the functional plane. In addition, in the touch screen described in German Utility Model Patent Publication No. 201 02 197 U, the generated vibrations are transmitted from the functional plane to the protective plane as the result of direct contacting of the two planes and/or via the edge regions of the planes by way of rigid or elastic connecting elements.--.

On page 4, between lines 11 and 12, please insert the following new paragraph:

--In an example embodiment of the present invention, the layer may be continuously actuated until touched by a user, thus creating haptic feedback. The control system may release deformation on the actuator layer at the point of contact when a user has made an input via the display by touching the point of contact.--.